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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary, Surface Transportation Board Case Control Branch 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

> STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1), Major Rail **Consolidation Procedures**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please accept for filing as an errata in the above-referenced docket, an original and twenty-five copies of the attached Figure I, which was inadvertently left out of the May 16, 2000 filing of the Comments of the Committee to Improve American Coal Transportation. Figure I, page 151(a) of the filing, should be inserted as part of Appendix B of the Verified Statement of William B. Tye, Ph.D. Also enclosed is a 3.5- inch diskette, formatted for Powerpoint containing Figure I.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

All Parties of Record To Be Served cc:

## FIGURE 1

# Competition Can Prevent Static Inefficiency at Any Arbitrary Access Price

Price over entire route = \$10.00	
Bottleneck Portion	Connecting Competitive Portion
	Bottleneck Carrier's Incremental Cost: \$3
X	Proposed Connecting Carrier's Incremental Cost: \$4

"Regulated" Price = \$5.50

Profits to inefficient connecting carrier: \$10.00 - \$5.50 - \$4.00 = \$0.50

## Competition Eliminates Inefficiency

Bottleneck Portion	Connecting Competitive Portion
X Regulated Price: \$5.50	Incumbent can lower entire price to \$8.50.  Z  Efficient Competitors can Lower Price to \$8.50

Inefficient connecting carrier cannot survive unless the incumbent insists on charging a monopoly price of \$10, despite the presence of competition.

Source: Tye and Lapuerta, op. cit.

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 24, 2000 I caused to be served, by first-class mail prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Figure I, errata to the Comments of the Committee To Improve American Coal Transportation, on all Parties of Record in STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1).

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Dated: May 24, 2000